

**SPECIAL MEETING OF  
DIRECTORS OF BELMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**Tuesday, March 28, 2006 7:30 PM**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ONE TWIN PINES LANE**

**CALL TO ORDER 10:00 P.M.** (Note: City Council Meeting held prior to BFPD.)

**ROLL CALL**

Directors Present: Lieberman, Dickenson, Feierbach, Warden, Mathewson

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim District Manager Crist, City Attorney Zafferano, Fire Chief Lowden, Finance

Director Fil, District Secretary Cook.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Approval of** Minutes of Special Meeting of February 14, 2006

**Approval of** Resolution 2006-1 Amending the FY 2006 Budget and Authorizing a Revision to Revenue

**ACTION:** On a motion by Director Warden, seconded by Director Dickenson, the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved by a show of hands.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**Update and Discussion Regarding Negotiations between the City of San Carlos and the City of Belmont for a New Fire Joint Powers Authority Agreement, March 28, 2006**

Interim District Manager Crist reviewed recent actions regarding the rescuing of the South County Fire Authority. He noted that policy direction was needed on four issues. The San Carlos City Council met on March 27 and recommended a continuation of discussion on this matter, with no action taken. He reviewed the timeline relative to the assessment mail-in ballot.

Director Feierbach stated that one San Carlos Councilmember is not supportive of the rescue plan, and unproductive comments were made at their meeting the previous evening. The other three members appear to support the plan. She noted that San Carlos desires to extend the current Joint Powers

Authority Agreement for another year. She expressed concerns that San Carlos is not taking this issue seriously. There is an ongoing issue regarding unfunded liabilities. San Carlos needs to make the decision now in order for the assessment process to move forward.

Director Dickenson stated that the rescue efforts are unraveling in San Carlos, which is supported by their staff. There does not appear to be urgency on their part.

Director Lieberman stated that the San Carlos discussion was a good one, and good questions were asked. The 2+2 process is working. Belmont and San Carlos are making sure the deal will work well, and the process is moving forward. Belmont is closer to the fire issue than San Carlos.

Director Warden agreed with Director Lieberman's assessment of San Carlos's discussion, but noted there were mixed messages in the discussion. The 2+2 team should negotiate the deal. There is backwards motion in this process. The Fire Board representatives discussed and agreed to various issues through the 2+2 process. He expressed concern that issues already agreed upon are being revisited. Time does not appear to be of the essence in San Carlos. The Joint Powers Agreement needs to be rewritten by July 1, and he does not support any extension of this deadline. There is a need to begin a public campaign for the assessment. The 30-day limit set for approval of the Letter of Agreement has now passed.

**MEETING EXTENSION:** at this time, being 10:30 p.m., on a motion by Director Warden, seconded by Director Feierbach, the meeting was unanimously extended for 30 minutes by a show of hands.

President Mathewson expressed his continued support of the 2+2 process.

Interim District Manager Crist noted that the Letter of Agreement is intended to be the basis for a new Joint Powers Authority agreement.

Director Lieberman stated he trusted the 2+2 members to continue to work this out.

**ADJOURNMENT** at this time, being 10:35 P.M.

Terri Cook

District Secretary

Meeting audio-recorded and videotaped  
Audio Recording 633

**Minutes approved 5/9/2006**